

British Miners Vote Stockholm Meeting Down

Action Likely to Influence Big Labor Conference To-day

Railway Workers Win Vital Points

Compromise in Threatened Strike Likely to Have Big After-War Effect

By Arthur S. Draper
LONDON, Aug. 20.—Just as the military situation shows a decided improvement, all indications point to fairer weather in the labor and political field.

A compromise the government has shaped a strike of the railway men—40,000 members of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen—and the latter have won a valuable point in their fight which will be waged after the war. Virtually the entire press was opposed to the strike.

To-morrow a big labor conference will be held here to consider further the sending of delegates to Stockholm. To-day the labor organizations opposed in the Stockholm proposal met and passed the details of their fight at the conference to-morrow.

Miners Vote Stockholm Down

By an extremely close vote to-day the miners decided against Stockholm. This was at Exmouth, where the national conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain reversed its previous position and voted down the proposal to send British labor party delegates to the Swedish capital, 376 to 34.

This action will undoubtedly have some influence on the labor conference to be held on August 30, when a favorable decision was reached, on the advice of Arthur Henderson, the miners practically held the deciding vote. It is believed that to-morrow there will be a sharp division of opinion, with the Stockholm advocates in the majority. Not only the question of Stockholm, but labor's attitude toward the government, will be decided.

Finances and Working Hours

The question of the railway men's demand for an eight-hour day raises an interesting financial point. Before the war the country's railways earned \$100,000,000 annually, of which \$450,000 went to working expenses and \$100,000,000 to the shareholders. The government, which controls the railways, still has to pay the stockholders, though the railway men's increases in wages have raised expenses \$125,000,000 over those of 1914. To offset this amount fares have been increased by half and excursion facilities have been abolished. How long the government will control the railways after peace is a matter of conjecture. That is why an eight-hour day is such a vital question both to the government and the railway men.

Catholic Verein Loyal To U. S., Says Bonzano

Organization in Convention Votes to Drop "German"

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—Support of German Roman Catholics for the peace efforts of Pope Benedict was urged at the meeting of the German (Catholic) Verein today by Bishop Joseph Busch, of St. Cloud, Minn.

The society voted to drop the word "German" from its name.

Monsignor Bonzano, Papal Delegate at Washington, addressing the delegates, said though their patriotism had been assailed on all sides he knew the members of Central Verein were loyal to the United States.

He said that after the war one of the duties of the organization would be to combat "the wrong doctrines" of Socialism, which he declared might be widely accepted by the working classes.

Bishop Busch, said:

"I feel that the members of this organization would not be transgressing their rights as citizens if they were to formulate a petition asking the government to consider the Pope's plea for universal peace. It contains nothing to conflict with the principles of any nation."

Harvard Sub-Dean Lost

London Friends Unable to Find Prof. W. R. Castle, Jr.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—American Red Cross workers in London are worried over the absence of William R. Castle, Jr., sub-Dean of Harvard University, who has not been heard from since he left London hotel on July 20.

Professor Castle was here for the Red Cross and left July 20, saying he was sailing for America. No word has been received from him. None of the steamship companies has any record of him as a passenger on its boats.



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To the left is Matthias Erzberger, head of the Catholic Centre party, who is believed in Europe to have been a factor in causing the Pope's peace proposal. To the right is Karl Helfferich, German Vice-Chancellor.

Enemies Within

Tom Watson Encourages Resistance to Government in South

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THERE has just been received a letter from Georgia that says:

"There is a hotbed of Tom Watson followers in and around Greenville, and they are leaders in the big noise that is being made in this section. The situation is growing worse in this community instead of improving, and it can all be traced to the writings of Watson.

"Men who are all patriotic and loyal to the government hope that it will prosecute and succeed in indicting Watson. They seem to think some drastic action along that line is absolutely necessary to check the bad influence and its effect on the ignorant class, who have so easily become its victims.

"Men are heard to say: 'I will not go and they cannot make me go. If they attempt to make me go, or any member of my family serve we will die here instead of dying in France.'"

"Watson has said we do not have to go and he has more sense than the bunch put together. We are going to stand by him and raise money for him to test the law. And many other remarks that are anything but loyal. We need the cooperation of the government in this community in putting a stop to the wave of disloyalty that is among us, or else we are going to have trouble."

Tom Watson Sowing Seeds of Sedition

Tom Watson is sowing sedition and disloyalty through Georgia and the neighboring states with his paper, "The Jeffersonian," for which he claims a circulation of 30,000. Here is an example of the kind of thing he prints:

"But what about an American army going over?"

"What about burning a few thousand cords of dead Americans?"

"What about a carload of German soap made out of our boys? What about manning German fields with our bravest youth and fattening German hogs on the choicest selection from American manhood?"

"I raised my boy to be a soldier! says the song? But did mother raise him to be pig-feed?"

"Was it for service in Europe that American parents reared their sons, paid for their education and prepared them for life?"

"Is the end of all their parental love, care and ambition to be a ghastly contribution to a pile of corpses in France, soaked in kerosene and fired like a stack of wood?"

"Is there something in the soul of things, an imperative demand for a supreme American sacrifice, admonishing us to acquiesce humbly and unquestioningly when autocratic authority violates the Constitution of the United States and orders the flow of young American manhood to cut loose from home, loved ones and country and to cheerfully take the road which leads to the horrible factories where dead soldiers are converted into oil for machinery and food for hogs?"

It was articles of this kind that led to the meeting organized in Reidsville, the county seat of Tattall county, on July 28, at which Joe Rhoden attacked the conscription law and the war in general and stated that the war was being waged by this country in the interests of the Wall Street plutocrats. He said that it was a class war against the best interests of the masses.

Don Clark, of Savannah, spoke next. He said he thought it was his duty to lend what aid he could in advising and speaking in behalf of the people, that they might not be forced to shed their blood on the battlefields of France and

have their bones bleached and whiten upon the soil of France. Clark often compared President Wilson with the German Emperor, one expression he used being: "Kaiser Bill and Kaiser Woodrow, and to hell with the difference in Kaisers!"

The meeting adopted a resolution opposing the conscription law, while Clark said it was desired to receive contributions to pay Tom Watson to carry a test case to the Supreme Court.

Attack Made on Morgan Profits

In one of the recent issues of "The Jeffersonian" Watson made a long attack on the Morgan profits since the war began, and continued:

"Now, when you regard Morgan as a type rather than as an individual, and remember that he represents the greed of soulless capitalists guarded from the peril of reformatory measures by their docile serfs in the governmental livery, you can begin to see what are the selfishly sordid sources of all this clamor for an American army in Europe.

"What do such capitalists care if a hundred thousand of your sons are freighted to German factories and boiled into oil, made into soap, mixed for fertilizer or prepared as pig feed?"

"My countrymen! The deadliest danger to your country and your liberties lies on this side of the ocean.

"American Prussianism is not aimed at German Prussia; it is aimed at the plundered American producers, and aimed by the plundering non-producers.

"The standing army is to be built up, on the Prussian model, for the purpose of maintaining and perpetuating an infernal system of class legislation which enriches the non-producing classes by the pillage of the producing masses.

"The standing army's real purpose is to support a heartless aristocracy of dollars, whose patents of nobility are written in the 'laws' which confer special privileges upon incorporated wealth."

Again he says:

"I cannot understand the paralysis which prostrates our people and causes them to supinely give up their own flesh and blood to new-fangled statutes of Congressional usurpers.

"English liberties were made good against the tyranny of hereditary kings by leaders who resisted encroachments upon their persons and their purses.

"American liberties are in danger of being lost because we have no leaders to resist governmental encroachments."

French Stop Dancing

City Prefect Issues Order to Deauville Casino

PARIS, Aug. 20.—The prefect of the Department of Calvados has forbidden all dances at the Casino of Deauville and other resorts.

The management of the Deauville Casino denies that any dancing of a public nature was organized there by its director, but admits that the dancing master permitted the use of the ballroom after the official closing of the casino to give private lessons in the polka, the waltz and possibly the cakewalk, the tango and other eccentric dances.

French Press Says Pope Is Proposing A German Peace

Places Aggressors on Same Plane With Assailed, Asserts the "Matin"

Future Not Guaranteed

Not a Question of Faith, but a Political Act, Declares the "Gaulois"

The French press is practically unanimous in its rejection of the Pope's peace proposal, according to a cable message received by the "Courrier des Etats-Unis," of this city. The message quotes from a number of publications, including the Catholic newspapers. *Matin*, referring to the Vatican's message, says:

"This document, when placed together with other documents, would be valuable for a history of the world; but it will only find its place among the other timid and platonic manifestations in which the Papacy has taken the initiative since Christmas of 1914.

"The message places the aggressors on the same plane with the assailed. What it proposes is to open the ocean to German commerce and to forbid in advance every form of restriction that would allow the Allies to defend themselves against Germany's political imperialism. On the refusal of reparation and damages, it is identical with the views of the German Chancellor. The Pope demands the evacuation of Belgium and of French territory, but what Germany will give back are pillaged and destroyed towns, ravaged homes and plundered factories. In return, Germany would receive by the Pontifical munificence all her colonies, which have not been devastated.

Fate of Territories Problematic

"The name of Alsace-Lorraine is hardly pronounced. Poland receives only a historical homage, the Balkan nations are the objects of vows for the future; this having been said, the Pope invokes upon the belligerents the benedictions of Providence. If the Allies listened to these proposals, the fate of Alsace-Lorraine, Trieste, Trentino, Serbia, Montenegro, Rumania and Poland would remain problematic.

"On the contrary, the Central Powers would obtain their colonies and their commerce would be assured. The Allies would have no guarantees against the return of the catastrophe from which the world has been suffering for three years.

"We ought to give up all illusions to-day," concludes *Matin*. "The Pope is transmitting us only the offers of the Central Powers."

Petit Journal is particularly shocked at the lack of spirituality characterizing the appeal of the arbiter of souls.

"The Chief of the Church," it says, "speaks as a politician, not as a churchman. He does not think to rise above contingencies to great principles of right."

"The message of Mr. Wilson is infinitely more apostolic. There is no tender feeling, in that note of procedure, for violated nations; nothing precise, except in points on which the Central Powers have already given indications as to conditions of peace."

Compared to Lenin's Manoeuvres

In the *Victoire* M. Hervé declares that the Pope continues the manoeuvres of Lenin and of Grimm.

La Radical states that the Pope has just added to the history of humanity a page which will not disgrace the column in the past.

"The Pope," writes the *Humanité*, "has, in his turn, answered the Stockholm questionnaire. His answer is:



The Charm of Good Taste at the Hampton Shops

ONE of the distinctive charms of the Hampton Shops, quite apart from its attraction as a vast storehouse of beautiful things, lies in the compelling taste and skill with which its Hampton Furniture is arranged and displayed.

An old English Oak Dresser, for instance, with its paneled drawer-fronts and baluster shaped legs, is seen, not alone, but grouped with decorative Mandarin Vases, dignified Stuart Arm Chairs, pierced Fruit-baskets of old Silverware and against a harmonious background of oak paneled wall.



Decoration Textiles Furniture

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"The war aims of the United States and the peace terms of this government; the international organization of the People's Council with similar groups in other countries; constitutional rights, conscription, the economic policies of the council, taxation and the high cost of living; unofficial referendum of the people in matters upon which Congress fails to consult the people, and the plan for the permanent organization of the council."

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"Unwritten Law" Upheld in England

Coroner's Jury Acquits Soldier for Killing "Count" Who Stole Wife

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The "unwritten law," whereby a man may kill his wife's seducer, was recognized by an English jury to-day almost for the first time within the recollection of the English public.

"Justifiable homicide, in self-defense," was the verdict rendered by a London coroner's jury in the case of Lieutenant Douglas Malcolm, who shot and killed a foreigner, Anton Baumberg, styling himself as "Count Deborch."

Lieutenant Malcolm, who was a wealthy young merchant before the war, returned on leave from France and found his wife with the so-called count. He attacked the "count" and afterward challenged him to a duel, but the "count" ignored the challenge. Malcolm visited the "count's" London lodgings, and other lodgers testified to hearing a struggle, followed by a revolver shot. They found the "count" dead.

After leaving the premises Malcolm surrendered to the first policeman he met. He testified before the coroner's jury relative to Deborch's actions, but did not suggest self-defense in killing the man. Malcolm's wife admitted her delinquency.

It developed that Deborch was for a brief period in service with the Officers' Training Corps, but that he was under police suspicion of being an international spy, and was listed by the police as a professional spy.

Junkers Broke Groener

Big Industrialists Rule Ger-

many, Socialists Charge

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 20.—Commenting on the retirement from the Prussian Department of General Groener, who it is reported will take command at the front, the "Leipziger Volkszeitung," an organ of the minority Socialists, says:

"According to rumors General Groener's fall was compassed by a powerful group of interests in the army of big industrialists, for whom the auxiliary service law is too liberal. Dr. Michaelis has succeeded Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg as Imperial Chancellor, but the distribution of power in the empire remains the same. It is not the will of the people or the vote in Parliament that decides the possession of power. Now, as before, the decision depends on the struggle between the interested groups behind the scenes.

"Such a struggle seems to have decided General Groener's fate. He has gone one day after the denial that he would retire. Such a system is the opposite of democracy."

Senator Johnson Assails Censorship

Ridicules Order to Print "An Atlantic Port"; Ap-

peals for Publicity

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The absurdity of requesting the newspapers of the country to speak of "a Pacific port" or "an Atlantic port" was held up to ridicule in the Senate to-day by Senator Johnson, of California.

"I have an abiding confidence in the American people," he said. "There has never been a time in all our history when the American people have not risen superior to any crisis. All they ask is that they shall be treated with equality, with honesty and with truth in this great cataclysm. The American people, with the burden that has been put upon them, with the sacrifices that are demanded of them, are entitled to equality in every law, to honesty and to truth.

"To-day I think that I echo what is in every Senator's heart when I say that that has not been put forth to the American people which should be put forth in clear tones unto them. The mode in which they are given their publicity now is here stated concretely in a very simple illustration. Recently a Japanese mission came to San Francisco. They arrived there on a certain day last week. Four weeks ago I had the invitation to attend the ceremonies and the various entertainments in behalf of that mission.

"For three weeks all the newspapers of the City of San Francisco have been exploiting the arrival of that mission and that mission's views, and here in Washington and in the East, although all California had published every detail, we read each day 'At a Pacific port.' Can you tell me upon what principle that sort of dealing should be indulged in with a people intelligent and critical, a people patriotic and a people self-sacrificing?"

"At a Pacific port," we learn here the Japanese mission landed and then, with the names carefully omitted, the various functions had in their behalf are told us. In my office are the San Francisco papers describing in detail all the dignitaries who were present and all the individuals who participated and everything in respect to the matter.

"It may be that in the peculiar and singular sort of mentality we now and then observe, some gentlemen in Washington with a peculiar mental strabismus have thought that thus by saying 'At a Pacific port' in Washington, or in Brooklyn, or in New York, or in Boston, by that very token we prevented any enemies there from knowing whence this particular delegation came or what was done in its behalf when it reaches this nation.

"I mention this very slight example because it is typical, and for those who are striving with all their might, who are going forward with all the force they are capable of, who are indeed overflowing with patriotism and desire to serve their land, I ask publicity and truth in this war—nothing more than that in return for their burden and in return for their sacrifices."

Teuton Socialists to Meet

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 20.—The Socialists of the Central Powers will meet in Vienna, August 29, to discuss the international situation.

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